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dentally he was troubled with adenoid growth and diseased tonsils, and was slightly defective in sight and hearing.

"*E. F.—Sixteen years of age.* Father dead, mother and one brother, eleven years old, living. Mother works for a living. The boy lived with his grandfather on a farm, but did not like farming and ran away. Chewed tobacco and smoked a pipe and cigarettes. At first stole money from his home, later from other people.

"Mentally this boy was eight years old. His mind as a whole was dull and stupid. Perception and attention were fair but memory and imagination were undeveloped. His judgments were inaccurate and subject to change with a new suggestion. Utterly unreliable.

"This boy lacked the finer sentiments and refinements of the emotional life. Ethical, esthetic and religious impulses were undeveloped. A case of moral degeneracy.

"The above are but three of many types, each one of which displays some form of arrested or retarded development and confirms the complexity of the problem of delinquency among children."

R. H. G.

## PAROLE—PROBATION.

**A Parole Record.**—The accompanying pages are a portion of a "calendar" or parole record prepared at the Reformatory for Women for the Board of Parole of the institution. It was prepared by Mrs. Jessie Hodder, superintendent of the reformatory, and was presented at the St. Paul meeting of the American Association in October, 1914.

The first page is the index to the entire parole record for the given month; the histories which follow are given as samples of the parole record as a whole.

They are compiled from the institution records (an outline of which will be shown at this meeting) by the Investigating Department of the institution.

A sincere effort is made to bring together all facts having a bearing on the probable causes, mental, physical and social, of the crime committed, and on the future outlook of the woman considered.

Each month a varying number of inmates (women) become eligible for parole under the terms of the indeterminate sentence. These women have earned through their conduct, industry and general development a right to a hearing by the Board of Parole.

The Board of Parole consists of the chairman and two lady members of the Board of Prison Commissioners. It holds its meetings at the reformatory as often as is necessary to give a just and detailed hearing to each applicant. The clerk of the institution is secretary of the Board of Parole.

There are present at the hearings the state parole agent, the resident physician, a field worker of the institution, a stenographer, the superintendent, the secretary, and, when necessary, any other officers of the institution whose experience with a given inmate will be helpful in a just estimate of her. There are invited to the meetings the judges of the committing courts, probation officers and others who have a constructive interest in the work.

Before the woman enters the room her history as given in the accompanying parole record is read aloud. She then appears and presents her case from her own point of view. She is aided by a sympathetic attitude from all present. Questions and answers are recorded by the stenographer. (The stenographic record is especially helpful if a parole is denied, in which case it may be reconsidered in four months; it is also helpful in case parole is granted but is later revoked.)

The woman is urged to speak freely to the board and tell her plans for the future and her belief about the past. She then withdraws from the hearing; the case is discussed and a vote taken; she is later informed of the board's decision.

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### *Parole Record.*

#### I. Identifying Data:

Name	Age	Color	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Mary Rice	25	White	Nov. 27, 1889	New York City

#### II. Reason for Desiring Parole:

"I am anxious to go out because I want to be a manicurist and have a place of my own. I think I have been here long enough."

#### III. Data from Court, Oct. 25, 1914:

##### A. Immediate Court History:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Charge                 | Larceny                  |
| 2. Plea                   | Guilty                   |
| 3. Court                  | Municipal, Lynn          |
| 4. Judge                  | Roberts                  |
| 5. Date of Commitment     | Jan. 3, 1914             |
| 6. Term of Sentence       | Five years indeterminate |
| 7. Expiration of Sentence | Jan. 2, 1919             |

##### B. Previous Court History:

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Aug. 3, 1913 | Fornication                     | Probation |
| 2. Dec. 2, 1913 | Larceny                         | R. W. ss  |
| 3. Jan. 2, 1914 | Unlawful possession of morphine | On file   |

(Verified by Prob. Officer Keefe, Lynn)

#### IV. Data from Inmate:

##### A. Family History:

1. Father—Phillip Rice, 30, died 16 yrs. ago, typhoid. Irish, born in N. B., R. C. Education—Common Sch.; owned tea store.
2. Mother—Rose Shea, 42, 3 Ash St., Lynn, Mass. Eng., born in N. B., R. C. Educ.—First yr. high; housekeeper.
3. Stepfather—Bruce F. Williams, 58, above address. Eng., born in N. B., Epis. Educ.—Good, works in city market of Peters & Scott, Lynn, Mass. as salesman (\$25 a wk. in summer, \$22 in winter); hrs.—7 a. m.—6 p. m.; hr. at noon.
4. Fraternity—a. Mary (s), *subject of record*.
5. Relatives—a. Mat. uncle—Daniel Shea, 65 (m.), 14 State St., Wellesley, Mass.
6. Court record—No arrests.
7. Habits—Father alc.

##### B. Personal History:

1. Infancy—Normal. M.'s mother left her father when M. was 3 yrs. old because he drank and would not support her.
2. Childhood—She lived with grandparents in New York until 5 yrs. old, when they moved to Lynn. Her mother worked in Gleason's corset dept., earning \$9 a wk.; for several years M. attended Pub. Sch. from 7-13, finishing the 9th grade in Pitt's Gram. Sch., Salem St. Miss Lewis—teacher. Liked sch. Used the Pub. Library, enjoying such books as "Little Women." Played games with her girl schoolmates, either at her home or theirs.
3. Adolescence—Menstruation which began at 15, was normal. Attended Lynn High Sch. until 17; wanted to earn money so left in Dec. of 4th year. Prin. Mr. Henry Jones, Miss Louise Ross, English teacher was a special favorite with her. "If I had gotten my diploma, I would have lived a better life." Wanted to go to Wellesley College. Some of Dicken's works were compulsory in sch; enjoyed "Old Curiosity Shop" and "David Copperfield;" considers Thackeray dry "until you get in the middle of it." Worked for a Mr. Stone, contractor, 664 Washington St., Lynn, doing typewriting, at \$7 a wk.; later, \$8.50, from May, 1908 to Aug., 1911. Lived at home and paid \$4 a wk. for board when she could. Left "because I didn't feel good and didn't feel like going back." From the fall of 1911 to Sept. 1913, worked in

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Sampson's factory, Chelsea, doing piece work (binding), averaging about \$11 a wk.; Mr. Hayes, boss; hrs.—8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Attended dancing sch. once a wk. from 14-16. Entertained friends in her home if she wished. Had a few girl friends; was especially fond of Fred Brown, a schoolmate, with whom she was allowed to go out occasionally.

### 4. Delinquencies—

- a. First Offence—Went with Brown to Haywood hotel for supper. He ordered beer. "I didn't want to admit I didn't know what it was, so drank it." Was introduced to May Smith, who told her she was foolish to take liquor when dope was so much easier. May taught her how to use it.
- b. Arrest and sentence—Went to Steven's hotel in Aug., 1913, to get dope from May Smith. While in her room the hotel was raided and Mary was held for Forn. There was no evidence against her so she was allowed to go on probation. The following Dec. she went into Marsh's dept. store with a Jennie Fiske to buy a waist. Jennie evidently took one, but "I did not see her as she was too clever for me and I am not wise to those tricks." As they were going out the door M. noticed two women following them. When she asked Jennie what the matter was, Jennie dropped the bundle and ran, but the women seized them both. "Of course I was just as bad because I was with her, but I didn't take anything."
- c. History of present commitment—M. first used heroin in Apr. 1913 after meeting May Smith. From Apr. to Aug. went to May's room once a wk. and took dope "because I thought it smart." In Sept. began taking it every day because she had a "contracted habit." Bought it of Patsy Sheehan, who owned a drug store on River St. Used a little cocaine for two mos., but stopped it because she realized that if she got that habit on her she would go to any extent to get the money for it. At one time she even thought she would go on the streets to get money, "but I was never a prostitute." Realizing her danger she broke the habit and has never touched cocaine since. Left home three mos. ago, when she began to use morphine hypodermically. The druggist had been arrested and it was hard to get heroin; morphine, however, was peddled on the streets, and she used about six grains a day. It stimulated her and "made me feel more like a human being." M. visited an uncle in Wellesley, making an excuse to go to the city once a wk. for dope. At the time of her arrest went to Lynn for a couple hrs. to get dope; met a girl; went to her room, staying over night. On her way to breakfast, made arrangements with a man on the street to get morphine. Later, talked with two notorious characters and was arrested by a "plain clothes man." The case was placed on file and she was sent to Sherborn on the former charge of larceny.

### 5. Attitudes—

- a. Toward the past—Blames this May Smith for her arrest as she taught her to use dope.
- b. Toward family—Is anxious to return to her mother who has always been very good to her.
- c. Toward future rehabilitation—Is very anxious to break her habit and live "a straight life."

## V. Data from Officers of Institution:

- A. Report of Receiving Matron, Jan. 3, 1914—Head and body clean; clothing good, rather extravagant, very cool and self-possessed in manner.
- B. Report of Physician—
  1. Medical—1, 4, '14. Cond. on entrance; development fair; nutrition poor; wt.-92 lbs. Has taken heroin, morphine, cocaine for three yrs.; smoked cigarettes for seven yrs.; sight and hearing good; slight vulvo vaginitis; bacteriological smear for gonococci—positive.

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- 1, 18; 14. Wasserman reaction for syphilis—doubtful.  
9, 1; 14. General cond. greatly improved; gain in wt. of 44 lbs., present wt.-136 lbs. Vulvo vaginitis cleared up clinically; bacteriological smear for gonococci—negative. No clinical symptoms of syphilis seen while in institution.
2. Mental—9, 1; 14. Educ. advantages good. Attended sch. from 7-17, reaching junior year in High sch. Results of educ. training—good; native ability good.
- C. Industrial Report (Shirt room) 9, 1; 14.—Placed first as grade helper to see if she was capable of hard work. 3, 1; 14.—was changed to shirt room where she was placed on the buttonhole machine, a position requiring efficiency and responsibility. Indifferent toward work. Worked in 20-30 doz. shirts a day, averaging about 2,000 buttonholes; fairly well done. Although suave, externally, she is known to have been a disturbing element breaking down loyalty to the institution of other women.
- D. Educational Report (teacher) 9, 1; 14—Has taken an active part in current events class, in connection with which she has done constructive reading in histories of foreign countries.
- E. Social Report (deputy) 9,1; 14—At first refused to scrub because "it will hurt my hands for typewriting." Her general attitude has remained much the same since entrance. Has been clever enough to slide through the institution with little friction. Has preferred to talk with other girls of the same type, rather than take part in games. Her underlying idea seems to be to carry on successfully outside, the life that she has chosen.
- F. Superintendent's Impressions—Lazy and shiftless; affected in manner where men are around; apparently shocked when told of her defects. Will keep up the method which she has found to pay in world of commercialized vice. Is a prostitute of the individualist type. The institution has failed with her, as she gives no promises of fitting into any community scheme. Is a searcher after friends who will fit her individual needs.

### VI. Data from Outside Agencies and Individuals:

#### A. Family and Relatives—

1. Mother—3 Ash St., Lynn, Aug. 15, 1914. Gives daughter Mary's history as follows:—
- a. Heredity—  
Pat. grandfather, sea captain, alc.; killed himself with razor.  
Pat. grandmother "peculiar"; lived with another man before husband's death.  
Pat. uncle—Edward, immoral; died in delirium tremens.  
Pat. uncle—Frank, died of Tb. "Queer, partly deaf and only talked sort of gibberish." Wife left him on account of his immorality.
- b. Parental—Father notorious liar; alc.; immoral. Deserted wife just before Mary's birth.
- c. Birth and Infancy—Mary born in St. John, N. B., Feb. 28, 1890; birth normal; breast fed. Walked and talked at 13 mos. At 3, was dropped down stairs and hurt on head; stunned and unconscious for a short time.
- d. Childhood—Mary came to Lynn with mother to live with mat. grandparents; mother getting divorce from husband on charge of adultery. The former got work in Corset Dept. of R. H. Gleason's and was obliged to give the training of M. over to grandparents, who spoiled her. She was not an affectionate child and punishments had no effect on her; careless and irresponsible. Went to Pub. Sch. at 5; promoted every yr. and showed interest in studies and reading. Used children's room in Pub. Library a good deal and cared for books. Would read by herself for two or three hrs. at

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a time. Grandmother would not let her bring playmates to the house because they made too much noise. When 12, mother remarried and after that was able to give up work.

- e. Adolescence—Menstruation began at 12. Mother had found her reading books on sex hygiene which girl had given her, so talked things over with her. Was confirmed when 14 in St. Ann's Episcopal Church, where she had attended since a child. Mother and stepfather both encouraged her to bring friends to house, and she seemed to go around with a good crowd of young people, until the third year in High Sch. She got in with a bad lot of girls, one of whom—Fannie Taylor, had frequented a bad house on Franklin St. Took M. there with her one afternoon. M. later planned to run away to New York with this girl but was headed off by her mother. Nasty notes from boys were found in her school book. Refused to go back the last year in High Sch. but got work for herself as office girl at \$5 a wk., in the office of Mr. Stone, contractor, Washington St. Allowed to keep half of pay, and no questions were asked as to how she spent it; stepfather buying her clothes. Left work suddenly after being there only a month, and her mother and stepfather searched everywhere for her; did not find her for 2 weeks; when they came upon her with a young fellow at a neighboring beach. They took her back home and she only stayed three weeks; would never give any account of her absence; admitted she had been bad. Got another job but disappeared in the same manner after two wks. Was away two mos. this time. They next heard of her in Ct. on charge of Forn. Took her home again, where she stayed for next 8 mos. Behaved very well, only going out with mother to pictures and theatres. Left suddenly one night after family had gone to bed and was not heard from again until comm. to Sherborn. So called uncle of whom M. speaks is no relation to her.

Impressions of mother—An unemotional literal person, whose affection is determined by her daughter's actions. Very well dressed and a woman evidently of considerable ability.

Character of home—An 8-room comfortably furnished house—excellent locality. A number of good books and magazines lying around; also a piano.

2. Stepfather. City Market, Lynn. Aug. 15, 1914.

Girl has been hard to control although everything has been done for her; unwilling to give her another trial in the home as she is disgracing them.

Impressions of stepfa.—Prosperous looking man, who has been well disposed to the girl and now feels that his patience is at an end.

### B. Employers.

1. Mr. H. S. Stone, Contractor, 664 Washington St., Lynn, Mar. 15, 1914. Mary Rice earned \$5 a wk. as office girl. Quality of work—fair. Would have been promoted as efficiency increased. Worked 2 mo., left without notice. Under no condition would she be taken back.

Sampson & Co., Publishers, 35 B'way, Chelsea, Mar. 15, 1914. Have no record of such a party on pay roll.

### C. Probation and Police Officers.

1. Probation Officer, Keefe, Lynn, Mass., Jan. 25, 1914. Mary's prob. was unsatisfactory. She reported only twice, and apparently thought it didn't amount to much. Knows little about her. Is willing to co-operate at the time of her parole but has little expectation of her success.

### D. Clergymen, Social Workers and Others Interested.

1. Rev. Mr. Thayer, Rector St. Ann's Church, Lynn, Mass., Mar. 15, 1914. Has known Mary for yrs. She is known as untruthful,

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dishonest, and deceitful. Has caused her mother, a woman of fine character, untold sorrow. Every means of helping her has been tried and apparently failed.

2. Miss Lewis, Pitt's Grammar School, Lynn, March. 15, 1914. Mary was a good scholar in all subjects, and gave promise of being an unusually capable girl.
3. Mr. Henry Jones, Prin. Lynn High School, Lynn, Mar. 15, 1914. Mary's work was good the first two yrs., but grew steadily worse after that. She left during her junior yr. Would not have been promoted if she had continued.
4. Miss Louise Ross, English Teacher, High School, Lynn, Mar. 15, 1914. Mary became acquainted with a bad crowd of girls at school and then lost interest in her work at school; she could have done well if she had cared to. Her mother is a fine woman, well known in the community. She did everything possible for Mary, who only is to blame.

### VII. Parole Resources.

- A. There is no possibility of her being placed in the home, so she will have to be placed from the institution.

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### I. Identifying Data:

Name, Bessie Field; age, 43; color, white; date of birth, Oct. 12, 1871; place of birth, Machias, Maine.

### II. Reason for Desiring Parole, Oct. 30, 1914:

"I want to go out and go to work."

### III. Data from Court:

#### A. Immediate Court History—

1. Charge—**Drunk.**
2. Plea—**Guilty.**
3. Court—**Middlesex, 3rd Eastern Dist.**
4. Judge—**Maxwell.**
5. Date of Commitment—**March 8, 1914.**
6. April 30, 1897—**Drunk; 4 mos. Deer Island.**
7. Expiration of sentence—**March 7, 1915.**

#### B. Previous Court History—

1. Oct. 18, 1893—**Drunk. Released.**
2. Dec. 20, 1893—**Drunk; 6 mos. H. of C.**
3. Aug. 27, 1894—**A. & B.; \$5.00.**
4. May 11, 1895—**Drunk. Released.**
5. May 18, 1897—**Drunk; 2 mos. Deer Island.**
6. April 30, 1898—**Drunk; 4 mos. Deer Island.**
7. April 30, 1898—**Drunk; 4 mos. Deer Island.**
8. Sept. 14, 1898—**Drunk; 6 mos. Jail.**
9. March 13, 1899—**Drunk; 6 mos. Mass. Home.**
10. Sept. 23, 1899—**Drunk; 6 mos. Jail.**
11. April 21, 1900—**Drunk; 6 mos. H. of C.**
12. Oct. 27, 1900—**Drunk; Probation.**
13. Dec. 31, 1900—**Drunk; Sher.**
14. Nov. 15, 1901—**Drunk; 6 mos. H. of C.**
15. June 5, 1902—**Drunk; 6 mos. Deer Island ap.**
16. March 25, 1903—**Drunk; 1 mo. Deer Island.**
17. June 25, 1903—**Drunk; 1 mo. H. of C.**
18. July 31, 1903—**Drunk; 2 mos. H. of C.**
19. Nov. 1, 1903—**Drunk; 3 mos. H. of C.**
20. March 14, 1904—**Drunk; 6 mos. H. of C.**
21. Sept. 18, 1904—**Drunk; 4 mo. H. of C.**
22. Feb. 27, 1905—**Drunk; State Farm.**
23. June 21, 1905—**Drunk. On file. Ret'd to State Farm.**
24. Oct. 21, 1905—**Drunk. On file. Ret'd to State Farm.**

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25. March 26, 1906—Drunk; State Farm.
26. July 5, 1906—Drunk. Ret'd to State Farm.
27. May 8, 1907—Drunk; 1 mo. H. of C.
28. June 15, 1907—Drunk; State Farm.
29. Sept. 17, 1907—Drunk. Prob. H. G. S., 6 mos.
30. June 26, 1908—Drunk. On file.
31. July 18, 1908—Drunk; State Farm.
32. Oct. 26, 1908—Drunk; State Farm.
33. March 25, 1909—Drunk. Prob. H. G. S., 1 yr.
34. Jan. 14, 1911—Drunk. Rel. by P. O.
35. Jan. 21, 1911—Drunk; 2 mos. H. of C.
36. July 19, 1911—Drunk; 1 mo. H. of C.
37. Sept. 14, 1911—Drunk. Prob. H. G. S.
38. March 23, 1912—Fornication; \$20.
39. May 15, 1912—Drunk; 1 mo. H. of C.
40. July 6, 1912—Drunk; State Farm.
41. Oct. 14, 1912—Drunk; State Farm.
42. Feb. 27, 1913—Drunk; State Farm.
43. Aug. 4, 1913—Drunk; 1 mo. H. of C.
44. Sept. 24, 1913—Drunk; 1 mo. H. of C.
45. March 8, 1914—Drunk. Dedham Ct. 3 mos. Jail.

### IV. Data from Inmate:

#### A. Family History—

1. Father—Robt. Goodie, Died 16 yrs. ago of Tb., Scotch descent, Born in Maine, Meth., Read and write, Ship's carpenter.
2. Mother—Jane Andrews, Machias, Maine, Scotch descent, Born in P. E. I., R. C., Read and write.
3. Fraternity—
  - a. John, 56, (s), Carlton, Ohio, Prot., Cement finisher, Edu.—High Sch.
  - b. Hugh, 52, (m), Machias, Me., Plumber, Edu., Gram. Schl. Prot.
  - c. Phillip, 45, (m), Machias, Me., Prot. Roofer & Slater, Read and write.
  - d. Bessie, (w), Subject of record.
  - e. Alice, 41, (m), Pete Wade, Machias, Me., Prot., Read and write.
  - f. Susie, 36, (m), Robt. Smith, Machias, Me., Prot., Read and write.
  - g. Mary, 35, (m), Jack French, Newark, N. J., Read and write.
4. Husband—Richard Field, 38, Died 10 yrs. ago of complication of dis eases, at Tewksbury, Irish-Amer., Born in Boston, R. C., Read and write. Plumber.
5. Children—
  - a. Jane, 16, With Mat. Grandmoth. Left sch. in 4th gr., 13 yrs. old. Did not do well and played truant.
  - b. Criminal abortion 14 yrs. ago.
  - c. Criminal abortion 11 yrs. ago.
6. Relatives—
  - a. Cousin—Mabel Black, (m), St. Johns, N. B.
  - b. Cousin—Mabel Jones, (m), Maine.
  - c. Husband's Sister—Blanche Cross, (m), 1 Fleet St., Boston.
7. Court Record—No arrests.
8. Habits—Fath. mod. alc., husb. excessively alc.
9. Health—Father died of Tb.

#### B. Personal History—

1. Infancy—When a few yrs. old B. was accidentally hit on the head by an axe which her bro. was swinging. This caused dizzy spells during which dark spots came before her eyes.
2. Childhood—Her home was quite a distance from the town and was not very good. There were four rooms, a kitchen and three bedrooms. B. and her two sisters had one, her moth. and fath. another, and the three bros. the third. They were always allowed to do as they pleased if they did not quarrel. Attended public sch. from 6 to 15, but parents never forced her to go on acct. of her eyes which bothered her constantly. Had difficulty in sch. in learning. "Could never do arith. but

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can read and write pretty good." Attended St. Andrews R. C. Church and Sunday Sch. and was confirmed when 11. Always had plenty of good times with her bros. and sisters.

3. Adolescence—After leaving sch. Bessie lived at home with her moth. and helped her around the house. Her fath. came to Mass. and settled in Cambridge. She was 20 when her moth. and the rest of the fam. joined him. After coming to Mass. never went to confession or attended church service.
4. Adult Life—She met her husb. through her bros. and was marr. to him in Cambridge May 1895 by a priest, after a year's acquaintance. They went to live with her moth. as B. could not bear to be separated from her. The first child was born after 15 mos.

### 5. Delinquencies—

3. First Offence—A yr. later became pregnant again but did not want to be tied down with children so went to a German doctor whom she had heard of through other women, when she was about 3 mos. along. He gave her treatment and told her to come again in a week. These treatments proved to be successful, bringing on a miscar. for which she paid him \$10. Her husb. did not know anything about it until after it was over with.
  - b. Subsequent Offences and Reactions—Became pregnant the third time about 2 yrs. later and on this occasion went to Dr. Smith on Race St. He gave her the same treatment and she paid him \$10 also.
  - c. Arrests and Sentences—Her first arr. was five yrs. ago when she was sentenced to H. G. S. for 6 mos. Since that time she has served 4 other sentences besides being on probation in Cambridge. Cannot remember much about her arrests.
  - d. History of Present Commitment—B. never did a day's work in her life; after her marriage used to go around visiting her husband's people who lived near Boston. An aunt of his would make "mull" by putting a hot poker into a mug of beer. At first she did not like this drink but finally grew to like it so well that she wanted to go there often. Her husb. died after they had been marr. 7 yrs. and she continued to live with her moth. and bros. who supported her. She would get a few cents from her bro. John and could occasionally sneak beer into the house, never dared to do it openly. Would go to see her bro. Philip and his wife would buy liquor for her. She could also drink with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cross. B. says that after a few drinks "she is off but always imagines she can find her way home." Went to Norwood with a friend May Dolan, who lived there. They were both "pretty full. I do not know where I lost her but I do not think she was arr." The officer who arr. Bessie said that as the last car had gone he would be obliged to keep her. At that time she was on prob. from the Cambridge Ct. and after being held in Needham Jail for 2 days she was comm. to Sher. Denies being immoral. Takes snuff occasionally but never drank in cafes or bad places, always with her friends.
6. Attitude—Doesn't know why she drinks but is sure if she is given a chance she will never touch it again.

### V. Data from Officers of Institution:

- A. Report of Receiving Matron, Mar. 8, 1914—Clothes extremely dirty; vermin in head; tried to smuggle in snuff, very sociable, just recovering from a spree.
- B. Report of Physician—
  1. Medical—
    - (a) 3-11-'14. On Ent. Wt. 153 lbs. Gen'l con. fair.  
3-27-'14. Wasserman reaction for syphilis doubtful.
    - (b) 7-29-'14. Pres. Cond. Improved. Wt. 165 lbs. The only clinic evidence of syphilis has been vague pains, which have been worse at night.

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2. Mental—Acc. to Binet see in under 10 yrs. Was at Pub. Sch. in Machias, Me. from 10th to 14th yr. Her head was hurt when she was 4 yrs. and she had such bad headaches subsequently that she did not go to sch. until 10; when she went to sch. played truant most of the time. Gen'l infor. poor. Her educational advantages have been very poor: the results are poor. The test shows some irreg. In spite of the fact that she did Dr. Fernald's test quickly and correctly and gave her answers quickly to most of the questions, from the majority of the other tests she would appear to be very dull, prob. subnormal.
  - C. Industrial Report (Laundry) Sept. 1, 1914—B. was given laundry work because she is a strong woman, capable of hard work and needs an outlet of this kind for her super-abundant energy. In this case there appears to be no indication or necessity of outdoor work in spite of her alcoholism. Work requiring concentration indoors seems preferable.
  - D. Educational Report. (Teacher) Sept. 1, 1914—Because unable to do active mental work due to age and mentality B. has been given the simplest kinds of reading under instruction, in an endeavor to stimulate her interest and use the small amount of knowledge she gained in sch. Has been partially interested.
  - E. Social Report (Deputy) Sept. 1, 1914—B. has been faithful in her work and given little trouble.
  - F. Superintendent's Impression, Sept. 1, 1914—Kindly old soul, vague about herself and her past, convinced that her age entitles her to "shift for herself" in the future. "Always has looked out for herself."
- VI. Data from Outside Agencies and Individuals:
- A. Family and Relatives—1. Mrs. Blanche Cross, 1 Fleet St., Boston, May 1, 1914. (Sister-in-law.) Has not seen Bessie for yrs. She has good people in Maine and N. B. Has feared B. would look her up and Mr. Cross would not allow her to come to the house. Mrs. C. herself has done wrong and was sent to Bridgewater but is trying to keep away from bad associates. B. would be a bad influence. Denies teaching B. to drink. Wishes she would get a place to work in the country. (Impressions)—A dissipated looking woman apparently incapable of assuming responsibility.
  - B. Probation and Police Officers—
    1. Prob. Officer Jones, Cambridge, March 21, 1914.  
Sent a long Ct. rec. with a statement that no further comment is needed.
- VII. Parole Resources:  
None.

**Report of Parole Agent Kansas Industrial School.**—The following letter is prefixed to the report of the Parole Agent found in the 1914 report of the Industrial School for Boys at Topeka:

*Dr. H. W. Charles, Superintendent:*

Sir—"Your parole agent has the following brief report to submit. During the biennial period 282 boys were paroled from the school, of which number 36 were returned for violation of parole. It has been the policy of your parole agent to extend every possible chance to the boy on parole to make good, and return him to the school only as a last resort.

"It has become necessary in rare instances to admonish the local officials where there is a disposition to remove from the community a boy who if properly looked after would respond to the efforts made for his reclamation.

"Since assuming the office of parole agent, on July 1, 1913, 163 boys have been paroled. Of this number four boys have been returned to the institution for violating the parole agreement.

"The duties and opportunities of a parole agent of an institution of this character are many and interesting. He has to do with social and economic conditions that affect the welfare of our country. The delinquent boy, as a rule, is the product of evil social conditions. While he can not solve the problem, he can assist mightily in spreading information on the question and thereby create a public thirst for better things. A parole agent must, in a way, become a